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BACKGROUND SOIL CHARACTERIZATION - RLB-0729-92

The Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Office (DOE, RFO) letter (11135) requested the development of a sitewide project for background soil characterization. A background soil characterization program was proposed for the Fiscal Year 1993 budget but was not funded (approximate cost \$2.2 million). Since then, DOE has directed EG&G to cut additional scope and costs for sitewide projects. Therefore, at this time, we cannot comply with the letter's directive.

On Monday the 23rd of November, EG&G will discuss with your staff and EM-40 headquarters staff the baseline scope for FY 93. Immediately following this action EG&G intends to revise the work packages. Any realized savings will be identified for scope enhancement, which may include the Background Soil Characterization task. I think this would be a prudent way to proceed since there have been many requests from DOE, RFO staff to add scope.

I suggest that in the month of January DOE, RFO develop a list of priority program additions that EG&G can develop cost and schedule for. Then a selection can be made of which activities to implement.

I would be happy to meet with you at your earliest opportunity to discuss this approach.

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